nationals of Indian origin to visit India with a view to boost India's exports to Portugal; if so, what additional facilities have been extended to them; and

(b) whether similar visa liberalisation facilities are proposed to be extended to businessmen of Indian origin belonging to different other countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) Recently, there has been a general relaxation in our visa regime in regard to all foreign nationals of Indian origin, under which five-year multi-entry visas can be granted to them, subject to usual checks. This new dispensation is applicable to Portuguese businessmen of Indian origin as well.

Reducing Consumption of Petrol, etc. by State Transport Undertakings

2470. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to reduce the consumption of petrol, diesel and other petroleum products by the State Transport Udertakings; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to rationalise the movement of vehicles and otherwise to cut consumption of these products without effecting the frequency and efficiency of transport services?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As part of national effort for energy conservation, the State Transport Undertakings have been advised to take necessary steps which include:-

(i) Establishment of model depots, with the assistance of Petroleum Conservation Research Association for imparting knowledge and monitoring the performance, with regard to the improved fueling practices, correct driving habits, maintanance for fuel injection equipment etc.

(ii) Use of speed control devices to limit the speed at which vehicle gives optimum fuel efficiency.

(iii) Fitment of fuel efficient primemovers suitable for carrying normal loads of buses.

(iv) Use of light weight bus-bodies such as of aluminium which contributes towards reducing the fuel consumption & aerodynamic styling of bus-bodies which reduces wind resistance.

(v) Arrangements by the management to regularly monitor consumption performance.

(vi) Refresher training courses for trainees in the transport undertakings for improving their driving habits and maintenance practices to achieve the maximum KMPL (Kilometres per litre).

(vii) Dissemination of information about the methods adopted by leading transport undertakings who have achieved good results in respect of maximum kilometres per litre.

The measures are designed to improve the fuel performance and thus conserve energy without affecting the operational efficiency.

Denial of facilities to people of Indian origin in foreign countries

2471. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANRAKANT BHANDRE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports in the National Herald of 5th June, 1990, regarding the deprivation and denial of job, housing, land-ownership and education facilities to persons of Indian origin in Figi, Surinam, Gayana, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago;

(b) if so, what steps have been and are being taken by Government to retore and secure fundamental and

human rights to these people of Indian origin; and

(c) what is the estimated number of these deprived persons in each of these countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India has consistently supported international sanctions against the racist regime in South Africa and has also supported the non racial democratic struggle against Apartheid in all international fora.

India has also taken up the issue of violation of human rights to the people of India origin in Figi with the concerned countries on bilateral basis including members of Commonwealth. We have also expressed our concern in the United Nations and international fora.

(c) There are approximately one million persons of Indian origin in South Africa who are subject to varying degree of discrimination and deprivation under the racist regime.

There are approx., 3,25,000 people of Indian origin in Fiji. Precise information regarding the number of persons in Fiji, who are being discriminated against is not available.

There are nearly 10 1/2 lakhs persons of Indian origin in Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana and Surinam, but we are not aware of their being subjected to denial of job, housing, land-ownership and education facilities.

Alleging to seal the Newsprint quota for Weekly Paper 'Haryana Darpan'

2472. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Givernment have received a letter from the Haryana State Committee of the Communist Party of India alleging that the Haryana Government have sealed the newsprint quota for its weekly paper 'Haryana Darpan', and

(b) if so, what action was taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No such letter has been received by the Registrar of Newspapers.

(b) Does not arise.

Earnings of Doordarshan from Advertisements

2473. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the comparative earnings of Doordarshan from the advertisements in 1989-90 as compared to the advertising revenue during 1988-1989;

(b) by what percentage the viewing time of programme has been progressively reduced with the growing number of advertisements;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government propose to further increase the time for advertisements on Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, in what manner the media will achieve its educational, informatory and entertainment objectives?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The gross revenue earned by Doordarshan from telecast of advertisements and suponsorship of programmes during the two financial years in question was as under:

1988-89	...	Rs. 161.26 crores
1989-90	...	Rs. 210.13 crores

(b) to (d) The time devoted to the telecast of commercial advertisements continues to be around 2.5 per cent of the total telecast time as against the ceiling of 10 per cent prescribed for